

## **Funded Graduate Education**

What religious congregation or faith group offers a nine-month sabbatical with a full-tuition scholarship, pay and allowances to earn a Masters level degree at a famous institution? The Navy Chaplain Corps does. The Chaplain Corps Funded Graduate Education program enables you to obtain a post-M.Div. Masters degree at one of nine approved seminaries/universities in one of six subspecialty areas. Check out FGE. Add to your dream sheet and tell your detailer.

The Chaplain Corps' Funded Graduate Education program prepares future subject matter experts to lead the Corps in needed subspecialties critical to providing ministry to the sea services. These sub-specialties include:

- Preaching and Homiletics
- Religious Education
- Pastoral Counseling
- Religion and Culture
- Ethics and Moral Development
- Ministry Multimedia Communication Management.

Though all of these areas are important to ministry in the sea services, current events certainly point to the need for many more resources in the areas of religion and culture, ethics, and pastoral counseling in crisis.

Criteria used for this program include:

- 3.0 grade point average in seminary
- Diverse history of assignments)
- [Chaplain Clifford, while I realize a compatible PRD is a plus in the selection process, it is not a showstopper for all concerned, so I've taken it out.]
- A desire for professional growth

LCDRs and senior LTs should make their desire for FGE known to the detailer now. If selected for the program you will spend the academic year with no military responsibilities other than your studies. Your tuition is paid, you receive a book allowance, and reimbursement for application fees and thesis production expenses, and of course, your full pay and allowances. You will make a PCS move with your family (if desired) to your designated institution to study the assigned subject. Assignments are based on a combination of your desires and the needs of the Navy. Most chaplains attending FGE are assigned the sub-specialty and school of choice; those few who do not receive their first choice are usually very pleased with the assignment.

FGE means a chance develop real subject matter expertise, a chance to concentrate on nothing but study, and an S.T.M., Th.M., or M.A. from places like Princeton, Trinity, or the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. Hard to beat! To make your preference known, contact your detailer. For more information contact the Chaplain's Office at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, 93943. 831-656-2241, (DSN 756).